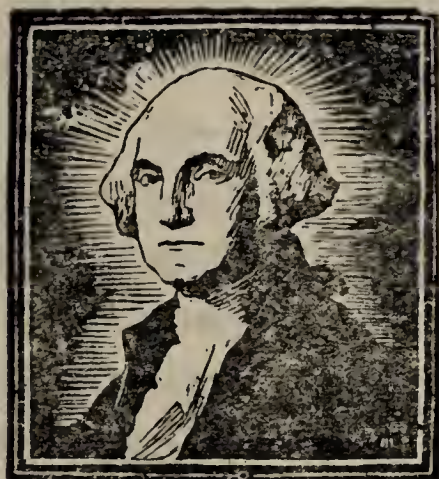


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*For God
And Country*

“Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason, and experience forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

Washington's Farewell Address.

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BUT IT'S SO HARD!

A French writer has pointed out that there are three ways of willing:

- (1) Willing *at no cost*;
- (2) Willing *at all costs*;
- (3) Willing *because it costs*.

This third way of willing, he says, is for the high-minded and big-hearted.

Willing *at no cost*. If by so willing you mean doing a thing that you want to do, that is really not willing at all. That is simply following the stream. It takes little or no courage at all to do that. Sometimes we don't want to study, we want to do things contrary to the rules—all such things any one, any child, any boneless man can do. It costs nothing, so cheap is it! True, as children we willed only what was good, and it cost us little. But now when we are in a different atmosphere, when we grow up and know temptation, should our souls change just because it costs more? Indeed, it does cost something to be reliable, to be pure, to be kind!

Willing *at all costs*. This is hard. But that fact does not keep us from willing. The saints did it. Some people say that General MacArthur is lucky in his bold attacks on the overwhelming numbers of Japs. But General Wavell has replied that only the bold are lucky. It costs something. And we can hear Mac answering: "Do you think I am good only for easy work?"

Willing *because it costs*. There are some rare souls, among them some students, for whom difficulty is a stimulus, a challenge, and an encouragement. Be one of these. Throw yourself into the battle (whether with yourself and your studies, or whether with the enemies of your soul and of God), not in spite of danger, but because of it; not out of rash and foolish bravado, but out of pure pluck and courage, strong in the realization of your aim in life and the sublimity of your cause.

JUST A LITTLE NOTE

How his friends used to razz him and laugh at him. "Don't be a social butterfly." "You're always writing letters!" And with the passing of the years he came to adopt this little formula: "This is just a little note. . ." So he would write by way of introduction, and then he would be launched on a letter.

"Just a little note. . ." but it brought strength to a man who sat near the dead body of his mother. It gave him a little more courage to wait patiently for the day when he and his mother should meet again.

"Just a little note. . ." but it was like a vision to the young selectee as he lay blue, physically exhausted by endless drills, and it gave him more determination to sacrifice in order to save the home he loved.

"Just a little note. . ." but it came like a hearty handshake to add to the happiness of a father who rejoiced at the birth of his first son and who wanted all the world to share that joy.

"Just a little note. . ." but how it spoke of gratitude for a favor—gratitude, of which there is so little in a world that takes so easily and forgets so very quickly.

"Just a little note. . ." but it lit up a lonely hour, a hopeless twilight hour of one who was very ill.

"Just a little note. . ." but it brought that little bit of needed advice to one who was stumbling down the dark ways of doubt and insecurity.

"Just a little note. . ." but it was like the visit of a friend—a true friend. And true friends are so rare and priceless that they must be welcomed even when they call only through the medium of a "little note."

"Just a little note. . ." but it recalled the most pleasant memories of a once happy life.

"Just a little note. . ." but the hundred little notes were like the warm sparks struck from their writers' heart, sparks that carried light and cheer and happiness and consolation.

And the world was so very much happier, because "just a little note. . ." had been written—and received.

CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

During the entire month of February the attention of all Catholics is directed toward the mission of the Catholic Press. With all its weaknesses, born of financial want, the Catholic Press has proved a vital force in American life. Pontiff after Pontiff have emphasized the merits of a strong Catholic Press. Catholic students who are expected to be men of leadership cannot afford to remain ignorant of the extent and worth of Catholic Press in America.

As students we may not be in a position to give our financial aid in the cause of Catholic literature, but we can contribute our moral support. How can we do this? First of all, by making use of every opportunity to acquaint ourselves with the vast field of Catholic literature. Secondly, by interesting others in Catholic works and publications.

How many of us have read the Catholic World, the Sign, the Catholic Digest, and other familiar national publications? How many of us realize that our particular diocese has its own weekly Catholic paper? There is little excuse, for our library boasts a variety of Catholic books, magazines, and papers. During this month become Catholic Press-minded.



DATES TO BE REMEMBERED

Monday, February 2.—Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. Candles for use in the Mass and sacred ceremonies are blessed on this day.

Tuesday, February 3.—Feast of St. Blase. Traditional blessing of throats takes place on this day. Make sure that you receive this beautiful sacramental. Blessing of the throats will take place after the evening Benediction.

Friday, February 6.—First Friday in honor of the Sacred Heart. Strive to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion.

Sunday, February 8.—Holy Name Sunday. Following a long standing tradition at the College, all students are expected to receive Holy Communion and recite the Holy Name Pledge.